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Re: Enclosed § 1.116 Amendment
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/672,304
Our Ref: ALM.022

Dear Examiner Alaubaidi:

Enclosed is the Amendment, responsive to the May 22, 2003 Office Action, which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



James E. Howard

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re Application of**

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Serial No.: 09/672,304**Group Art Unit:** 2171**Filed:** September 29, 2000 **Examiner:** Alaubaidi, Haythim J.**For:** METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SELECTIVELY ACCESSING FILES
ACCESSIBLE THROUGH A NETWORKHonorable Commissioner of Patents
Box AF
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In preparation for imminent appeal and in response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-23 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 2, 7-11, 18-19 and 22 have been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 1, 7, 17 and 23 are independent.

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